Subject No. 389.

A Branch Sayer Office at the Railway Station at Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—A Branch Sayer Office should be opened near the Railway Station at Mysore for the convenience of merchants.

Dewan's reply.—This appears to be under consideration of the Municipal Board.

Subject No. 390.

Improvements to the Industrial School at Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—At present the Industrial School at Mysore is in a poor condition. Admission has been limited to boys aged 18 and less. This limit is bad. Young boys cannot readily understand what they are taught. At the Victoria Institute in Bombay, the age limit is 14 and more. Moreover the instructors are illiterate and uneducated and therefore cannot make good teachers. Many of them are foreigners who do not know the country and Kanarese. The Superintendent is also not a passed man and he does not do any teaching work. All this requires improvement. A workshop should be added to the School to impart higher practical instruction.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya (School Master from Mysore Town Municipality) stated that a strong managing Committee was necessary. The present Committee contained members of whom one was absent as a rule, and two others who had their hands quite full otherwise.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 391.

Formation of a Judicial Council.

Summary of discussion.—Provision should be made for the formation of a Judicial Council to His Highness the Maharaja to hear appeals against the decisions of the Chief Court, corresponding with the Privy Council in England.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 392.

Famine relief provision.

Summary of discussion.—A provision for famine relief should be made by ruling that for every candy of grain produced in the country, a seer of grain should be delivered to persons appointed by the Government to receive it to be kept in store for the purposes of such relief.

Dewan's reply.—No remark.

Subject No. 393.

Extension of Government Life Insurance.

Summary of discussion.—The State Life Insurance scheme should be extended to all Government servants irrespective of the amount of their salary. At present Insurance is limited to those whose salaries are ten rupees and more.

Dewan's reply.—Ten per cent of the salary is the monthly premium payable. For people on small salaries, this may be too much to pay. We may perhaps try a uniform half-rupee rate for those whose salary is less than Rs. 10. This will be considered.